

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus, comprising:

- a photographic optical system for projecting an image of a subject;
- an imaging device for converting the projected image into an image signal and outputting it;
- a focus driving device which changes a focusing condition of the image projected to said imaging device by relatively moving at least one of a part or an entire of said photographic optical system and said imaging device to the other;
- a first auto focusing device ~~which sequentially evaluates said image signal obtained in each focusing condition while subsequently changes said focusing condition by controlling said focus driving device, and which obtains a predetermined focusing condition based on the evaluation~~ configured to perform a high focusing accuracy;
- a second auto focusing device configured to perform a high focusing speed;
- a controlling device for controlling an operation of said first auto focusing device, and
- a ranging device for measuring a subject distance ~~which is a distance~~ to said subject,

wherein said controlling device ~~controls the operation of said first auto focusing device according to the subject distance obtained by said ranging device to prioritize either a focusing accuracy or a focusing speed~~ is configured to switch between said first auto focusing device and said second auto focusing device to prioritize either said high focusing accuracy or said high focusing speed.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controlling device controls said first auto focusing device so as to carry out ~~said an~~ an evaluation in a peripheral focusing range of a focusing condition which

corresponds to ~~the~~ said subject distance obtained by said ranging device, and sets ~~a wideness and a narrowness of~~ said peripheral focusing range in accordance with said subject distance.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said controlling device sets said peripheral focusing range wider when said subject distance is more than a predetermined distance ~~which is set previously compared with a case that~~ to prioritize said high focusing accuracy and sets said peripheral focusing range narrower when said subject distance is less than said predetermined distance to prioritize said high focusing speed.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein said controlling device switches ~~over~~ between ~~the operation of said~~ first auto focusing device and ~~the operation of~~ said second auto focusing device to operate said first auto focusing device when said subject distance is more than a predetermined distance ~~which is set previously to~~ prioritize said high focusing accuracy and to operate said second auto focusing device when said subject distance is less than said predetermined distance to prioritize said high focusing speed.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 2, wherein said controlling device controls said first auto focusing device so as to carry out said evaluation in ~~[[a]]~~ said peripheral focusing range of ~~[[a]]~~ said focusing condition which corresponds to ~~the~~ said subject distance obtained by said ranging device, and sets ~~a wideness and a narrowness of~~ said peripheral focusing range in pursuant to a presence

or an absence of said subject which is mixed with a long distance and a short distance that is based on the distance to said each area.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said controlling device sets said peripheral focusing range wider when said subject is not in a condition mixed with the long distance and the short distance ~~compared with a case that the~~ to prioritize said high focusing accuracy and sets said peripheral focusing range narrower when said subject is in the condition mixed with the long distance and the short distance to prioritize said high focusing speed.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The image ~~inputting~~ capturing apparatus according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 8, wherein said controlling device switches ~~over between the operation of said~~ first auto focusing device and ~~the operation of said~~ second auto focusing device to operate said first auto focusing device when said subject is not in a condition mixed with the long distance and the short distance to prioritize said high focusing accuracy and to operate said second auto focusing device when said subject is in the condition mixed with the long distance and the short distance to prioritize said high focusing speed.